

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY "Thanks Be to Thee"

George Frideric Handel

*DOXOLOGY

OLD 100TH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise him all creatures here below,
Praise him above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN OF SENDING #14 "Now Thank We All Our God"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #721 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" (verse 4)

**Even so, Lord, quickly come to your final harvest home,
gather all your people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified, in your presence to abide.
Come, with all your angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.**

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Now Thank We All Our God"

Georg Friedrich Kaufmann



WELCOME VISITOR! We are delighted that you are here to share worship of our Lord Jesus this morning together with the rest of us. We want you to be well informed about the Christian faith and about the church so don't be afraid to ask. You may communicate with us in several ways. Ask a neighbor in your pew, fill out a blue first-time visitor card, add your name to the Ritual of Friendship pad and by all means do not hesitate to contact our pastor. May God bless you this morning and throughout the week.

Rev. Susan Bennett, Pastor
Dorothy Clark, Organist
Tom Francis, Custodian Emeritus

Ward Gailey, Music Director
Linda Hodges, Office Manager
Nursery: Elizabeth Wagner & Suzie Wharton

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

November 19, 2017

11:00 a.m.



*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,
give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

(Please silence and refrain from using all electronic devices during this hour of worship.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

OPENING VOLUNTARY "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

arr. Hal H. Hopson

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Stephanie Phillips-Ayoola

Please use this time for silent meditation and preparation for worship.

Prayer cards are in the pew rack in front of you for submission to church prayer list.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Those who are able, please stand.

*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT #721 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" (verse 1)

Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home,

All is safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin.

God, our maker, does provide for our wants to be supplied;

come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 117)

Liturgist: Paul Szeto

Leader: Praise the Lord, all you nations!

All: Praise him, all you peoples!

Leader: For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

All: Praise the Lord!

All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #81 "We Gather Together"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, there is always reason to be thankful. Forgive us when we forget that, when we let problems and worry invade our hearts and forget that your grace is always sufficient. Help us to trust you always, Lord, and to give you thanks in every circumstance of life. Please continue to hear us as we confess now in silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Ephesians 1:15-16)

Leader: God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Friends, rejoice again in the great good news of the gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

PROCLAIMING AND ENACTING THE WORD

*HYMN OF CONSECRATION #359 "Give Thanks"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Mary Carol Stanley

(Children will be dismissed to Children's Worship following the anthem.)

ANTHEM "My Tribute" Andre Crouch, arr. Smith

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 117

Page 534, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Now Thank We All Our God" Johann Cruger, arr. Callahan

Handbell Choir

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Page 193, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Rejoice and Give Thanks"

Rev. Susan Bennett

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.